Saltors of the Roosevelt Groan When They Think of Broadway and the Bowery -Had a Better Time Last Year Playing Football on the Ice Off Grantland.

The crew of Commander Peary's ship Roosevelt had so quiet a Christmas yesterday that some of the men were a little put out about it. "This ain't much like last Christmas, up north," said Eats 'Em Alive Charles Henry Clark yesterday afternoon. 's' help me, I'd rather be at 82° 27', with ice all around, than to be in sight of Broadway with no money to spend."

The crew said they had not been paid with the exception of slight advances made when e ship touched at Sydney, Cape Breton, It is understood that the Roosevelt will be towed to drydock at Hoboken to-day and the crew paid and disbanded. But that will be too late for Christmas.

The Roosevelt is anchored in the North River off Forty-second street, where she arrived on Monday night. A launch which makes a business of carrying sightseers to ships anchored in the vicinity made four or five trips yesterday to the Arctic ship, but there was a cold wind blowing and ice cluttered the slip at Forty-fourth street. Few-perhaps fifteen-made the trip. This meant few visitors for the lonel

A good part of the crew had counted on getting off to New York or to their homes for Christmas dinner. Then they learned that they would not be paid off before Wednesday. Four lucky ones, including Able Seaman George Clark No. 1 and Able Seaman George Clark No. 2 (no relation) and Bo's'n Jack Murphy had money left over from their Sydney landing and were brought over to Manhattan in the afternoon. The remaining twelve men spent the day in reading, sleeping and playing solitaire. Fragments of salt corned beef and duff

sort of plain pudding made with flour,

littered the table in the foc'sle. Duff is a

sort of plain pudding made with flour, haking powder and water.

"There's what's left of our Christmas dinner," said Fireman Clark. "Don't look much like New York, does it? You ought to have seen us a year ago to-night."

Able Seaman George Whalen, Dick Webter and Sandy Way rolled over in their bunks so that they could listen without getting up. These bunks are shelf frames getting up. These bunks are shelf frames of iron pipe filled in with near springs. "We was way up," "Eats 'Em Alive" continued, "stuck in the ice off Floeberg Beach,

Grantland. We spent the day playing solitaire and football—that was a great game of football out on the ice." All hands grinted amiably at the recollection.

"Foley from Newfoundland and the bo's'n chose sides. We kicked the ball all over the A atic ice and tumbled around until we were black an blue. The result? Oh, l guess it was about even."
"Sure," came from one of the bunks

there was so much zero up there that the we had got tired o' that, Charlie Percy, the steward, piped all hands to grub—six o'clock, your time, that was. "We were split up in three camps, same

as usual—cabin, mess room and foc'sle-though we ate the same grub. There was musk ox—fine meat, that—deer meat, In fact everything," interpolated the

"Was con-fined to the sledgin' party.

"We had sixty Esquimaux on board, twenty families. After dinner we started a quadrille here in th' foc'sle. We cleared the space aft of the mainmast and called in the Esquimaux women. One of the crew had an accordion and we had the phonographs. Everything started fine."
The fo'c'sle is about 20 by 14 feet over all. The space aft of the main mast is a

little less than half that area.
"But it wasn't more'n two minutes before rip. smash; the ice outside began raisin' hell. I suppose the tide had lifted it an' caused it to break up some. We all went out on deck and worked most of the rest of the night."

"What could you do in a case of that kind?" "Eat 'Em Alive" was asked.
"Oh, stand an' watch th' ice; that's about all. That was a Christmas as was

all. That was a Christmas as was a Christmas; but this one is a farce. Nothin' doin', an' no money to do it with."

In the mess room Steward Percy played solitaire, watched by a couple of other members of the ship's company and by Teddy the cat. The Roosevelt carried two cats north, Percy said, and two kittens were born in the winter. One of the old cats died from the cold and the other was stolen at Vineyard Haven on the way to New York. A specially heated hell has been invoked to take care of the thief.

shit up on the long voyage and away from the dogs. The Roosevelt brought back some fifteen of the latter. A few were lying on the coal in the opened hold yesterday afternoon, apparently enjoying the cold wind that came through the lifted hatch. As the launch cleared away for the return As the launch cleared away for the return to shore after its last trip yesterday the trew leaned over the rail to say good-by. "Wish you would send out a plug o' terbaccer if the lighter comes back," sang out one voice. "I'm all out. This is a hell o' a Christmas," the voice went on. "New York picht over there are 'me beggin." York right over there an' me beggin'

FOR THE LITTLE MOTHERS. Frank Tilford the Host at the Annual

Christmas Dinner. The Murray Hill Lyceum was the common point to which verged yesterday noon four long lines of "Little Mothers," one from each of the "Home-Making Circles" of the Little Mothers' Aid Association. Many of the Little Mothers brought their charges along.

When Frank Tilford, who gives the dinher to the Little Mothers every: Christmas, put in an appearance every one of the 750 little girls present paused from feasting and joined in shouting "Merry Christmas!"

Then they cheered him and recited and sang songs for him. After Mr. Tilford had told them that this dinner was to him the happiest feature of the Christmas season, a sentiment that brought the answering shout from all part of the hall, The same to you and many of them," the Little Mothers speeded his parting by throwing holly and other table decorations

Then the Little Mothers listened to musical programme by professionals until the gift bags were distributed. Each of the children carried home with her a doll, a pair of mittens, a handkerchief and a box

LIGHTED TREE HIMSELF.

Small Boy Sets Fire to His Father's House

in Hoboken. Several oil paintings, some parlor furniture and a Christmas tree were damaged yesterday afternoon by a fire in the residence of Herman Pruser at 914 Hudson street, Hoboken. The blaze was caused by the impatience of Mr. Pruser's small son, who couldn't wait for nightfall but lighted the candles on the tree in the absence of the old folks. Mr. Pruser is an ex-member of the Hoboken Board of Education.

Griswold-Morrell; Barber-Morrell.

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 25 .- Two Christhas weddings took place to-day here at the their daughters, Carolyn Eatelle and Nellie Bell, became the brides of Dr. William Loomis Griswold of Greenwich, Conn., and Dr. Roscoe Lyman Barber of Brasher Falls, N. Y. The two couples will make a brief wedding trip LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

"In making a tour of the big shops one day last week," said a New York woman, "I was much impressed with the fact that in several of the stores, while the shop itself was crowded, the space in front of the elevators was clear. I investigated a little and soon found that it was the result of mere common sense. In almost every case the counters nearest the elevators displayed the counters nearest the elevators displayed goods which would not be apt to draw a crowd of Christmas shoppers. Sometimes the choice of goods for such counters was positively funny. For instance, in the basement of one big store, where the crowds were thick in the toy department, what do you think was displayed on the table nearest the elevators? Nothing more crowd drawing than preserving kertles! Further drawing than preserving kettles! Further on was a table of other large iron kitchen utensils. They served their purpose and kept the crowd where it belonged—away from the elevators. On another floor they were selling men's hats nearest the elevator. and again there was plenty of room

What has caused the disappearance of the shawl? It has certainly ceased to be seen in this city.

"The sight of a woman wearing a shawl nowadays is enough to give one a start," said a woman physician who has occasion to go through various parts of the city, "and I take a keen interest now in looking for this old fashioned garment. Yet there are few places in which I see it. Even in the poorest parts of the city the women have some sort of a jacket, however old and worn it may be. I suppose that the manufacture of tailor made clothes has become so cheap that anybody can afford to buy them as readily as a shawl."

One of the devices of strangers to get tables at the popular restaurants frequently succeeds even with the experienced waiters. Their plan is to say that the guests want a table reserved for some well known patron a table reserved for some well known patron of the restaurant at a certain hour. After that has been settled the party arrives on time. It may be that another waiter is standing at the door, in which case the pretenders get the table without any trouble. If the head waiter happens, however, to know the person in whose name the table was taken it is usually necessary only to say that the party has been invited by the person in whose name the table was taken. This trick was played so successfully on one restaurant that during the past week the same person had on one night three tables. As one of them was a genuine order from the patron whose name had been used, the confusion that followed betrayed used, the confusion that followed betrayed the plan that had been so successfully fol-

"Well," said the proprietor of a fine fruit store, "I've been in this business for over ten years, and I've never heard of that before."

"What did he want, anyway?" asked the head clerk.

"Why," answered the proprietor, his eyes still fastened on the retreating figure of his customer, "he wanted to hire a few of my finest pineapples for to-morrow night! He's an Englishman, and he says that London dealers make more by hiring out their hoice fruits for banquets than they do by sales. He himself always used to andsome pine whenever he gave a dinner. He's only been here a few weeks, and he supposed we did the same thing. When he learned he could buy one here for the price he would have hired it at in London

he was delighted and ordered three.
"He told me how once in a Regent street shop they showed him an enormous pineapple that had been hired out nine nights successively and was good for two more weeks of active service. The ordinary selling price is seven or eight shillings, but this one was worth a pound. Rented out this one was worth a pound. Askillings a for, say, twenty nights at three shillings a for, say, twenty nights at three shillings a night it brought in £3; then when it had passed its prime they could still sell it. Doesn't that beat any Yankee trick you

"One of the most indefatigable painters in this town has almost exclusively a pawnshop trade," said a pawnbroker. 'He has been working this market for almost four years. I believe I was his first customer. He was reduced to the point where his only capital was a lot of point where his only capital was a lot of pictures that he couldn't sell. In his extremity he came to me. I advanced him a little money on several pictures, which I was lucky enough to sell. The funny part of it was that the man himself couldn't sell a picture to save his soul. He finally sell a picture to save his soul. He finally pight and both will appear in Italian operas realized that he was deficient in business acumen and confined himself strictly to painting the pictures, while I attended to the sales. At last he got other customers in my line and to-day he actually makes a living from the pawnshop trade

"I have just received from my laundry, the young man said, "a politely worded notice announcing that on and after January 1 the price for laundering turnover and wing collars will be two and a half cents. this being a net advance of half a cent per collar. Not such an erverlasting lot of collar. Not such an erverlasting lot of money, half a cent, but still I can figure up, and without the aid of logarithms, that that added half cent a day will mean an additional expense to me of something more than a dollar and a half within the coming year. Everything seems to be going up but maybe my salary will go up along with everything else in 1907. Anyhow I suppose I'll have to let the laundry have the collars."

RAN AWAY TO SKATE. Hollday Present Fatal to Stephen and Tony Youngkowski

Christmas anticipations were heightened to eleven-year-old Stephen Youngkowski and his seven-year-old brother Tony by a present of a pair of skates. They had got them a few days before the holiday and had planned to use them on Monday on a pond near their house. They lived in East Patchogue, L. I. The day proved to be fine, but their father, Franeck Youngkowski, broke in upon their plans by compelling them to pile wood. This the boys did until about 11 o'clock, when their mother told them they must go to Patchogue, about a mile away, to get some groceries. Here was their chance. They went away taking

the skates with them. They did not return, and in the afternoon they did not return, and in the afternoon the father began to make inquiries. That evening and all night he prosecuted the search with the help of neighbors. All the ponds in the immediate vicinity were examined, but it was not until Christmas morning that Dunton Lake, some distance away was searched.

away, was searched.

There on the ice was discovered the hat of one of the boys and near it a break in the ice partly frozen over. This told the whole story. The bodies were soon re-

TWO CONDUCTORS TO A CAR. Francisco's Scheme for Lesser Danger From Overcrowding.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.-Chief of Police Dinan has returned no answer to the Grand Jury's questions as to his failure to enforce the street car ordinances in regard to over-

crowding cars. Grand Juror Sonntag, who has had this matter in charge, is inclined to believe that the ordinance against overcrowding cars was passed in the interest of the United Railroads, for if the police do not enforce it then the railroad can interpose this as a defence to damage suits brought by injured passengers.

All cars at morning and night are so heavily overcrowded that conductors are nable to look after the safety of passengers and accidents happen frequently. Cars whose capacity is sixty carry from 150 to

700 passengers.

The Grand Jury proposes to enforce the rule that every car during crowded hours must carry extra conductors whose dury it shall be to collect fares, leaving the regular conductor to look out for starting and stopping the car and for the safety of passengers. This would reduce chances of accident, even with the present overcrowding.

"THE STUDENT KING" PLEASES

LINA ABARBANELL APPEARS IN LIGHT OPERA IN ENGLISH.

Alexander Clark and Henry Coote Chief Among Her Support-Reginald De Koven's Music Finds More Favor Than the Stange Book - A Fine Stage Setting.

Henry W. Savage's presentation of Reginald de Koven's latest light opera, "The Student King," at the Garden Theatre last night was cordially received by an audience which filled the house.' Mr. Savage was called before the curtain at the clace of the second act with Mme. Lina Abarbanell, the former Metropolitan Opera House singer, who plays the leading rôle, and was practically compelled to acknowledge the

erowd's tribute. Mr. Savage intended to make "The Student King" more pretentious than the ordinary Broadway light opera but not so classic as the run of productions at the Hammerstein and Conried opera houses. The play has plenty of catchy songs in it which took the fancy of the first night audience in a way that promises well.

The stage settings were good and the

costumes more attractive even than those of most of the Broadway comic operas which depend upon that feature as one of their chief bids for popularity. The principals in the cast are supported by a chorus of 100 voices, and in addition Mr. Savage has introduced a special orchestra of thirty-

five pieces.

The book will not, however, attract much attention for its humor. This is a fair sample of the puns: "My cheeks are on fire." "Yes, I thought I smelled paint burning." Alexander Clark as Rudolph, King of Bohemia, furnishes a good deal of fun, but his appearance is chiefly responsible for that

Mr. Clark's legs in tights are a pretty good match for a pair of lusty toothpicks.

There is a children's scene in the play which met with generous applause last night. Six little girls toddle in with six little boys, and the boys carry them off in

The play has just enough plot to make possible a lot of almost impossible situations. The setting of the opera is in Prague, Bohemia, and the time A. D. 1600. Rudelph, King of Bohemia, is to leave his throne for twelve hours in accordance with the custom in his country, and resident King is to be in his country, and a student King is to be

chosen.

Francis (Henry Coote) is the selection made by the students. Francis is the King's own son, who was stolen from his cradle when an infant by one of the King's designing councillors, Grumblekoff, who was the next in line for the throne with the infant out of the way. infant out of the way.

Illsa, Princess of Tyrol (Mme. Abarbanell), has come to Prague incognito in search of a husband. She wants to see him and study him before she discloses her identity. Her cousin, Lady Ann, a Tyrolean noblewoman, consents to impersonate the Princess. The real king of Bohemia and Francis, the student king, both fall in love with Ilsa, who gives her affections to the latter, supposing him to be the actual ruler of the State Francis and Rudolph attend the students'

carnival in the same disguises, where Ilsa gets hold of the old King and declares her love just at the right time for Francis to overhear her. Ilsa then declares her identity, but the young Francis repudiates She dresses up in the disguise of a student and enters the Fest Hall of the university

a few moments before the hour is up the student king to abdicate. There Rudolph finds her, and at he twelfth hour of Francis's reigh swears death against him. But one of his councillors discloses the fact that the student is his son, and everything ends in harmony.

The book of the opera is by Frederic Ranken and Stanislaus Stange.

NEXT WEEK'S OPERAS.

Eames and Melha to Appear at the Bival Opera Houses.

Two new prima donne will enter the operatic field next week. Mme. Emma Eames will begin her engagement at the night and both will appear in Italian op Mme. Eames, who is to appear at the Metropolitan during the rest of the season, will first be heard in "Tosca," with Messrs. Caruso, Scotti and Dufriche, while Mme. Melba has selected "La Traviata" for her reappearance. She will sing at the Manhattan with MM. Bassi and Renaud.

The week at the Metropolitan will begin with "Faust," in which Geraldine Farrar will sing Marguerite. With her will sing MM. Plançon and Roussélière and Mme Jacoby and Simeoli. On Friday "Fedora will be sung by Mmes. Cavalieri and Alten and MM. Caruso and Scotti. Mme. Sem-brich and MM. Koussélière and Journet will appear in "Lakme" at the Saturday matinee. "Lohengrin" will be given at the popular Saturday evening performance by Mmes. Fleischer-Edel and Kirkby Lunn and Messrs. Burrian, Goerlitz and Muchimann. Moriz Rosenthal will be one of the soloists at the next Sunday concert with Lina Cavalieri, Marcel Journet and Jacques Barr

"Il Trovatore," to be sung by MM. Dal-mores and Seveithac and Mmes. Russ and De Cisneros, will begin the week at the Man-hattan. "Aïda" will be repeated on New Year's night with the regular cast. On Friday "Carmen" will be repeated with the regular cast and at the Saturday matinie "L'Elisir d'Amore" will be given for the first time. The cast will include Mme. Pinkert and MM. Bonci, Seveilhac and Gilibert. At the Saturday evening per-formance Mme. Donalda will appear in 'La Traviata" with the same cast that sings with Mme. Melba on Wednesday. first time. T Pinkert and with Mme. Melba on Wednesday.

ACTORS UNION STILL FIGHTS To Prevent the Reinstatement of the Musicians and Stage Hands.

A final attempt is being made this week by the Actors' National Protective Union to get the affiliated organizations to stand out against reinstating the unions of musicians and stage hands which were suspended by the Central Federated Union for refusing to order their members on strike in the Metropolitan Opera House.

The question whether the C. F. U. will reinstate these and several other unions which it has suspended or face the revoca-tion of its charter, to be followed by the organization of a new Central Labor Union come up for a final vote next Sunday A circular has been sent out to all the unions by the Actors' Protective Union, which says that the Chorus Singers' Union is liable to be annihilated if the stage hands and musicians do not strike, although the opera season is in full swing and both unions have agreements with the opera house. The circular goes on:

Can you in your own interest afford to indorse such a proposition as the reseating of two unions which have defled all trades union principle and the decision of the union move-ment represented in the Central Federated Union? On December 30, 1906, your delegates will have to vote whether the resolution adopted by the A. F. of L. convention is to be carried into effect by the Central Federated Can you consistently approve that part of the resolutions which compels the organized movement of this city to embrace the two unions which are responsible for over one hundred men and women being without food and shelter to-day and on the streets. wondering at such fraternity and unionism?

The Mummers to Play for Charity

The Mummers will play "Because She Loved Him So" at the Waldorf on Thursday evening of this week under the auspices

COUPLES WED IN PLATOONS.

Christmas Marriage Boom in London -Swimmers Defy Frost.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 25 .- Christmas Day is one of the most popular days for marriages among the London poor, apparently owing to the temporary comparative wealth drawn from benefit clubs and Christmas boxes. The couples were in such numbers to-day in some churches that they had to be married in platoons to avoid inter-

fering with the regular services. Notwithstanding the frost, some enthusiasts here and in Paris celebrated Christmas day by swimming in icy waters. Eight men started to race across the River Seine. Five of them, including an Englishman were overcome by the current and the cold and were picked up by boats. The winner, a Frenchman, was acclaimed by excited crowds on the banks and bridges.

Twenty-nine Londoners braved an icy wind at 7:30 o'clock this morning and swam 110 yards in the Serpentine. They competed for a "Peter Pan" cup, presented by J. M. Barrie. Several were members of the Serpentine Club, who never miss a swim on Christmas Day. They are often compelled to break through the ice. One to-day celebrated his fortieth consecutive Christmas Day swim.

JAPANESE CHRISTMASING.

Being Here, They Do as We Do, or Nearly, as Their Proverb Bids.

Christmas was celebrated yesterday by the Japanese in Greater New York, Christians as well as non-Christians, for they remember the old proverb of their own, which goes like this: "Entering a community, follow the customs of the community.

Thus at Horie's in Sands street, Brooklyn, Christmas dinner with an enormous turkey on the table was given, at which sat a large number of the host's friends, who after the dinner made themselves gay by indulging in telling stories and singing songs of their native land.

All along Sands street there are a con-

siderable number of Japanese houses, and in all these houses Christmas was an occasion of merrymaking all day and all night. Especially at the cigar store kept by O Fuji San, a Japanese woman, there was a party of the Japanese who played the Japanese game of cards, which in the original terminology is called "Hana awage," meaning matching of cards. The Japanese cards somewhat different from the American cards. In size they are not half as large as the American cards. On these cards are printed the flowers of cherry, plum, and other kinds of flora of Japan; the leaves of trees, the birds and the beasts, the landscapes, sceneries, moon and stars, &c. There are a number of groups of cards bearing the pictures of things that are classified. And the matching of cards means the matching of cards of the same

Maejima's restaurant was overcrowded with the holy day guests which taxed the little light footed O. Itssan to her utmost ability to serve raw fish, Japanese soup and rice to their hearts' content. In other Japanese headquarters in and around Sands street, spirit of celebration reigned

in New York there was also a celebra-

In New 1018 there was also a celebration by the Japanese in Nippon Club and other Japanese establishments.

There is a little Japanese club called the Goichi Club at 225 East Fifty-first street.

The manager of the club, Mr. T. Yokota, is a Christian. Last night Mr. Vokota and half a dozen clubites, including Misses. half a dozen clubites, including Misses Kitagawa and Furuya, Y. Nakatsuka, the international lawyer, S. Shinogaki, a newspaper editor, and others, were gathered to-gether to celebrate Christmas. The cele-bration took the form of card playing, which differs from the one played in Brook-lyn. A hundred cards are displayed on a table. On these cards are written the latter halves of a hundred different Japanese poems of note. Those who take part in poems of note. Those who take part in the game surround the table.

A man out of the game reads one of the poems, and as soon as he reads the first word of the second part of the poem the players | will bring out a new edition of Capt. Robert | a curious fact that Dr. Kennard, though of the second part of the poem the players | E. Lee's "Recollections and Letters" of an American, has published more in Italian scramble for the card. One who gathers most wins the game. Last night the plan of the game was somewhat altered and the players were divided into two factions. cards were equally divided between factions. The faction that disposed

The factions.

of the cards quicker won the game.

Your reporter discussed with Mr. Nakatsuka about the recent development of the Japanese question. "It is possible," said Nakatsuka, "that we succeed in getting th legislators of this country interested in working for the naturalization of the Japanese."

SUICIDE LEFT FORTUNE TO POOR. Woman Affected by San Francisco Disaster Gives Funds to Several Cities.

Los ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25 .- The suicide of Mrs. Mary Elsie Balfour, aged 54, who threw herself into the lake at East Lake Park last night, reveals that though she lived alone in a poor shanty she left a large fortune, mainly to charity. Her body was found to-day by a park keeper and in a satchel was the memorandum: "My will is in little trunk on table. I want to be

cremated. The will directs that her money in the Hibernia Bank of San Francisco be distributed among the poor of San Francisco, fire victims to have preference. Her funds in the Copenhagen Bank are left to the cities of Copenhagen and Næstved to be distributed by the Mayors of those cities. Her money in the German Bank of San Francisco cisco and all other funds are willed to her cousins, Julius and Carl Lorentzen of Copenhagen, and Peter and Henry Lorentzen

Much jewelry is bequeathed to her sister Edwardine Neilson of Næstved. She had \$1,140 on deposit in Los Angeles banks. Her will shows that she was a refugee from the San Francisco fire and that the disaste

3 SOUTHERN RY. WRECKS IN A DAY. Train Bearing Same Number as That Which

Killed Spencer Among Them. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-Three wrecks on the Southern Railroad were reported to the general office in Washington this morn-

Passenger train No. 33, the same train that ran into the private car of President Samuel Spencer at Lawyer, Thanksgiving morning, was derailed at Moncraef Crossing this morning through a mistake in signals. John Helmer of Savannah, the fireman, was killed, and J. W. Urquhart, the engineer, scalded so badly that he will die. The passengers were badly shaken up but none was fatally injured.

About 8:45 last night a rear end collision occurred at Greensville, S. C., passenger train No. 38 running into train No. 40. Sevtrain No. 38 running into train No. 40. Several mail clerks and a few passengers were slightly injured but nobody was killed. The wreck was due to the inability of the engineer on train No. 38 to see the rear lights on No. 40, which was standing on a curve. Traffic was suspended four hours on account of the accident. ount of the accident.
At 12:40 this morning, near Liberty, S. C.,

local accommodation train No. 41 struck through freight No. 74 in a headon collision. The engines were disabled but no lives were lost. A confusion of signals was

Crowded House at Joe Weber's "Dream City," Joe Weber's new piece,

which was reviewed in yesterday's Sun. opened last night to a packed house. Apof the Tekakeritha Sewing Circle for the benefit of the St. Joseph's Day Nursery.

There will be dancing after the play. Tickets may be had from Edward S. Connell at 38 Hamilton Terrace.

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BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

James Bryce, who is to be the English Ambassador to the United States, is better known as a man of letters than as a statesman. His equipment both for statesmanship and literature is well demonstrated in his latest book, "Studies in Contemporary Biography," a series of profound biographical studies of some of the most important figures in English and American history in the last half century.

Since the late M. Brunetiere lectured in this country no more distinguished French author has visited America than M. Anatole Le Braz, who is now making a lecture tour of the larger universities and colleges. M. Le Braz is a poet, a critic and a writer of fiction. A characteristic work of his is "Au Pays des Padons," which was recently published in an English translation by Francis M. Gostling under the title of "The Land of Pardons." M. Le Braz is a Breton and an authoritative interpreter of his peculiar country to the outside world.

Lucas Malet's new novel, "The Far Horizon," will be brought out early in January by Dodd, Mead & Co. The book has been finished practically for some two or three years and several times announced for publication, but it has been kept back for fresh consideration and revision by the author. The dominant note of the story is the invisible life beyond the grave, and it holds a strong brief for the acceptance and practice of the Catholic faith as an inspiration to courageous conduct. The chief personage is a middle aged bank clerk of Spanish extraction. The Lady of the Windswept Dust is the principal woman character. The novel has been the book of the season in London and is eagerly anticipated by book lovers here both on account of the prominence of the writer and of the popularity of her "History of Sir Richard Calmady, published in 1901. Lucas Malet is Charles Kingsley's daughter and her real name is Mrs. Mary St. Leger Harrison.

The first book of the new year for Doubleday, Page & Co. will be H. B. Mariott Watson's romance "The Privateers," which will be published the middle of the month It deals with the experiences of an English heiress who is abducted successively by two fortune hunting Americans, and is said to have more adventures than "Hurricane

On January 19, the centenary of the birth of Robert E. Lee, Doubleday, Page & Co. Grazia Deledda and D'Annunzio. It is will bring out a new edition of Capt. Robert | a curious fact that Dr. Kennard, though his father. The original edition has gone to press seven times in this country, while in England one large edition has been exhausted. "The Lady of the Decoration" is having

a rather unusual career. For four months after its publication no reprintings were required. Then the lady began to enlarge her circle of friends so rapidly that a new edition was required every few weeks. The book has been reprinted three times within the last month. The secret of the authorship has been well kept and no one knows who "Frances Little" is.

By the Light of the Soul," Mary E Wilkins Freeman's novel which is to be published in January, is the story of a girl who married in haste and secretly and repents at leisure, finding her path beset by many temptations and problems.

The first of the series of lessons which the North American Review is giving in Esperanto appears in the current number. The new universal language is strictly a phonetic one. There are no silent letters and each letter has only one sound. All nouns in the singular end in "o," in the plural in "oj"; adjectives in the singular end in "a" and in the plural in "aj"-all plurals end in "j." Esperanto has attracted enthusiastic attention in Europe and has also secured the indorsement of many scholars and educators in America.

Prince Hohenlohe, whose "Memoirs" have made such a sensation, was the son of one of the oldest houses in Europe, and through his relatives was constantly in touch with many of the important courts of Europe. One brother was a magnate in Prussia another was the confident of the Emperor of Austria, a third a Cardinal at the Vatican. and he married a Russian princess whose family were among the most intimate members of the imperial court at St. Petersburg. To his favorable opportunities for hearing both sides of the story in every dispute, large and small, he added the shrewd secrecy of the diarist, intrusting only to his private note books the confidences he received on every hand.

Mr. Hall Caine's story "Drink," which is to be brought out in America, has been published in several languages and is attracting much attention in Germany. In England it has reached its two bundred thousandth printing.

For picturesque and original literary criticism one must consult the columns of the Western newspaper. Speaking of Mr. Chambers's novel one literary critic says: "There are a good many people hiking hellward in 'The Fighting Chance.' The story tells of a young man with an inherited taste for drink who meets a beautiful young woman with an inherited tendency toward elopements and divorces and kindred indiscretions. She is already engaged to a man with a vandyke beard, a pompadour, an eminent social position, and in other respects it would seem the well established characteristics of a lulubird. At the close of the book the girl with the inherited tendency toward divorce discards the lulubird and marries the man with the inherited taste for drink. And may the Lord have mercy on their souls!"

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New George Washington Letters

A group of letters written by George Washington to the brothers George Clinton, Governor of New York, and General James Clinton. These letters are missing from the published Clinton correspondence, and their discovery in a private collection is one of the greatest importance and interest. A newly discovered war map of Washington's New Jersey campaign, with annotations in his own writing, is reproduced with the letters.

A Miniature Kingdom

Robert Shackleton writes of a little visited independent kingdom within a few hours of Paris, a kindgom with an army of 300 men, one-sixth of whom compose the band; a kingdom whose capital was once one of Europe's most strongly fortified cities. Illustrated with unusual drawings by Ernest Haskell, reproduced in tint.

Life In a Children's Library

Child life as seen in a public library. The writer is herself a librarian. She tells of the curious demands of the children, of their varying literary tastes, of their confidences, and of innumerable quaint, amusing and pathetic incidents which come under her observation.

The Alabama Arbitration

One of the most striking of Mr. Frederick Trevor Hill's series on the "Decisive Battles of the Law." Mr. Hill has made a study of his subject from original sources, and his picture of this great international lawsuit, on which the attention of the whole world was centred, is intensely interesting as viewed from both a dramatic and a legal point of view. Have We An Instinct For Death?

A scientific article of a most unusual sort. Professor Metchnikoff of the University of Paris, whose studies in this field have attracted such wide attention, discusses in a most readable way the phenomena of sleep, fatigue and natural death. His researches lead him to hold that each individual has within him an instinct of natural death. His account of his personal observations in this field is most interesting. Unexplored Portions of the World

Few people know that there are to-day vast and entirely unexplored territories on every continent except Europe—even on our own continent. Dr. Cyrus C. Adams writes on this unusual subject. He tells why these great tracts have remained unexplored and how the map makers are constantly at work adding newly acquired knowledge of the explorers to the world geography. Each year the unknown territory decreases, but it is still im-8 Complete Short Stories

by Lawrence Mott, Thomas A. Janvier, Marie van Vorst, Georgia Wood Pang-born, Mary E. Wilkins, Jennette Lee, etc., etc.

Probably no magazine has ever been able to offer its readers so attractive a prospect as Harper's Magazine offers for 1907. Commander Peary will write next month of his record breaking dash for the North Pole. Later Captain Amundsen, the great Norwegian explorer, will tell of his remarkable achievement in bringing his ship through the long sought Northwest Passage-a feat never before accomplished-and of his discovery of the magnetic pole. Dr. Frederick Cook will tell how. after repeated discouragements, he and his party scaled the heights of Mt. McKinley, more than 20,000 feet, and reached the top of the continent.

These are a few things in the field of exploration. Every other field of endeavor will be just as rich.

Sir Gilbert Parker's Great Serial Novel, "The Weavers"

Cassini, ex-Ambassador of Russia to Washington, and the mystery that surrounded the young Countess Cassini, whom the société diplomatique accepted as his niece, are said to have furnished the materials for Miss Taylor's story of "The Impersonator." The Cassini menage aroused much speculation, but the Russian Embassy

"Italian Romance Writers," by Joseph spencer Kennard, which is announced for early publication, is essentially a translation of Dr. Kennard's "Romanzie Romanzieri Italiani," which was published in Florence, and considers chronologically the outstanding Italian fictionists, including Massimo, Edmonds De Amicis, Antonia Fogazzaro, vogue of his Italian fiction is second only to that of D'Annunzio.

The death o Charlotte Bronte's husband, the Rev. Arthur Bell Nicholls, recalls the dogged wooing of the poor curate who proposed to the popular author at the height of her fame. As in the case of the Brownings, the father was furious and the curate had to leave the parish. But the lovers corresponded privately until he carried his point, and the marriage took place without the Rev. Patrick Bronte's presence. The curate and the gifted lady lived happily together for nearly a year, when she died. For more than half a century he has lived quietly on his farm in Ireland honoring the memory of his wife and respecting her family secrets.

A pleasant account of Kipling's Susser home is given in J. J. Hissey's recent book, "Untravelled England." "You be a-tourin,' " said a Sussex policeman to Mr. Hissey when he stopped his motor to ask the way. "Mr. Kipling," continued the policeman, "him as writes the books, he lives down that lane." Mr. Hissey tells of the gray century old walls of this house, Batemans, Burwash, of its comfort and beauty and of the happy way in which Mr. Kipling has restored it.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is giving up the house where he has lived so long amid the beautiful scenery of Hindland in Surrey. The house, as those who have enjoyed its hospitality know, was called "Undershaw." He went there chiefly for the benefit of his wife's health, and now she is dead.

"The Life of the Empress Eugenie" has been written by an English author, Jane T. Stoddart, who seems to be more in sympathy with the stricken woman in her retirement in Kent than with the brilliant | but he who drives him to it."

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consort of the unfortunate Napoleon III. Whether this publication of the affairs of a venerable lady will be agreeable to her or not is a question. The "Life" concludes with a touching little sketch of the so-called "ex-Empress," an old lady of 80 whose clear intelligence remains undimmed" and whose "sympathy for human joys and sorrows leaves but few intervals for melancholy brooding." The great joy of her old age is to see her goddaughter, to whom she is devoted. Queen of Spain

Mrs. John La Touche, who died recently in Dublin, was the mother of Rose La Touche, the "Rosie" of Ruskin's Praterila and the lady he very much wished to marry, although she was young enough to be his granddaughter. The two were separated on religious grounds, she being a Roman Catholic. A writer in the Freeman's Journal, giving his impressions of the Irish girl from memory, looking back through a quarter of a century, says:

She was a very lovely girl, with deep blue eyes, flaxen hair, exquisitely chiselled features, somewhat aquiline nose and mouth indicative of firmness She had chosen all knowledge for her province and had not only the usual young lady like accomplish ments of knowledge of the modern languages and isic but was an admirable Greek and Latin scholar, with a considerable acquaintance with the Hebrew language. She was very brilliant in conversatio moreover, an accomplished horsewoman, a writer not merely of admirable prose but of sonnets, both in English and German, of unquestionable power.

Maxim Gorky's play which has been produced in Berlin proves to be an arraignment of authority, its closing sentence, pronounced in a court of justice, being "Not he who strikes the blow is the murderer

